



MINUTES

ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday January 4, 2022, 7:15 P.M.

USDA Service Center, 440 N Hwy 14 and Virtual via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bostwick called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Committee Members Present: Rich Bostwick, James Quade, Kim Schneider (zoom), Alan Sweeney (Zoom) and Debi Towns.

Committee Members Excused: Ron Bomkamp, Janelle Crary, Genia Stevens

Others Present: Andrew Baker, Director

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Towns moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Quade. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – November 29, 2022.** Supervisor Towns moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Quade. **Motion carried unanimously.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements.** None
5. **Action Item: Approval of Farmland Preservation Cancellation of Notice of Non Compliance Documents: A. Margarat Skar**

Andrew explained that Ms. Skar has non a number of things in terms of conservation compliance matters since the Notice of Non Compliance was issued in 2019. This includes stabilizing gully erosion and implementing nutrient management. Approval of the cancellation will allow the landowner to again claim the per acre credit on her income taxes.

Mr. Quade made the motion to approve. Supervisor Towns seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

6. **Potential Item: Appointments to PACE Council (5-Year Terms)**

Andrew that Porter Township resident Gabriella Nelson has accepted the nomination by Supervisor Sweeney to be considered for one of the vacant positions on the PACE Council (farmer/landowner). Ms. Nelson and her husband are the fourth generation of the Nelson family to be farming in the Township.

At the previous meeting, Supervisor Stevens suggested Dannie Evans, from the Beloit area, as a possible candidate for the Realtor/Developer position. When locating contacting information in the past month, Andrew noted that Mr. Evans is an employee of the Human Services Department, while that is not a conflict on the surface, the question is whether or not Mr. Evans still is in the real estate industry. Andrew is waiting to hear

back from Supervisor Stevens to see if she knows for sure. If this nomination does not come to fruition, there will be this spot open for nomination along with the second representative from a Town. There is an option to act on the willing nominees at this time or wait until all seven positions have candidates.

Supervisor Sweeny made a motion to approve the candidates for the five of seven positions as presented. Seconded by Mr. Quade. **Motion carried unanimously.** The approved includes appointments as follows:

Alan Sweeney (LCC Member & Farmer)
Gabriella Nelson (Landowner/Farmer)
Donald Jones (Town Rep)
Duane Cherek (City Rep)
Ramona Flanigan (City Rep)

7. **Reports**

A. Semi Annual Report – Attendance at Conventions and Conferences

Andrew summarized memo to Committee, as required by County Policy and Procedures, which that no staff member attended training which exceeded \$1,000 in the second half of 2022.

B. PACE Program Update

Andrew informed the Committee that staff continue to work town closing of six easements. All should be completed this spring.

8. **Review Bills Paid – December Payments.** Andrew reviewed the payments. There were no questions.

9. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Towns made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 pm, seconded by Mr. Quade. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Baker
Director

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